

# HOME LEARNING

## Year 11 – Silver Arts Award – Unit 1: Part C – Review Arts Events – 3 Weeks Work

Hello everyone,

Last week you should have started your review on your chosen music concert, documentary or film.

You still have two weeks left to get this completed.

This week I am sharing some examples of reviews done by other Arts Award students from across the UK.

The first two are quite short but still address all the questions from last week. The third one goes into much more detail.

Try and use ideas from here to inform your own work.

### **Number 1**

#### **Review of Guardians of the Galaxy Vol.2**

The film I am reviewing is called Guardians of the galaxy vol. 2

It was made in 2017 and was directed by James Gunn. The genre of the film is science fiction. Some of the key actors are Chris Pratt, Zoe Saldana, Bradley Cooper and Vin Diesel. The film is targeted to younger teenagers.

The film tells the story of how after a successful mission the guardians find a man claiming to be Star Lords father. It is the second film in the series. The ending sets up a possible third film.

Overall I liked the film and thought it was funny. The funniest part was when Baby Groot was chasing a ravenger along a bridge. Baby Groot is small and usually cute so it was funny to see him really angry and chasing someone much bigger.

However, I thought that the plot was not as good as the first film. The storyline in the first film was really engrossing but this one did not hold my attention as much. I did enjoy seeing the same characters having an adventure again and I am looking forward to the third film to see what they get up to next.

### **Number 2**

#### **Review of Frozen 2**

The film, Frozen 2 was made in 2019 and Chris Buck and Jennifer Lee directed the film. The key actors are; Idina Menzel as Elsa, Kristen Bell as Anna, Jonathan Groff as Kristoff and Josh Gad as Olaf. The film is aimed for ages 8 and up.

Elsa has ice powers and is hearing a ringing in her ears and goes to find out where it is coming from and nearly dies in the process. This is the second film in the series-hence the name “Frozen 2”. My opinion of the film is that it is very funny and also has good songs, always an important quality. My favourite song was “Into The Unknown”. I like singing this with my sister to annoy my brother! The film can, however, be sad at times and even slightly scary. When the stone giants were chasing Anna at the end it was quite scary. This helps to keep the interest level high as it adds depth to the story. I think that it is quite long

for me, 1¾ hours but for other people that may be a good time length. All in all it was a good film and I would go and see another Frozen sequel.

## **Number 3**

### **Review of Shrek the Musical**

The Shrek musical is a Broadway performance which I have watched online through YouTube. (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q7tPOfFXWZc>) There are many actors performing the Story of Shrek . The main characters are Fiona (Sutton Foster) and Shrek (Brian D'Arcy James) and Donkey (Daniel Breaker). The movie was aimed at children and adults making it a family show because the whole family can be engaged, it has light hearted humour which is appropriate for all ages. it was very engaging with lots of singing and dancing with comedy and romance.

The characters were all very well spoken each having individual accents whiteout making them hard to understand. and the cast was very inclusive because it included a range of different shape bodies. Donkey was my favourite character because he made me laugh he especially made me laugh in the scene where he met Shrek. The jokes were very funny and kept the audience excited to keep watching. My funniest moment was when Shrek had to apologize to donkey. the songs and dances helped make the show exciting and it engaged the audience very well.my favourite song was I'm a believer. The makeup was very dramatic with bright colours this made the character look friendly and exiting. The costumes they were bright and colourful and reflected the bubbliness of the show. The scenery was excellent as shown in the tower scene, which made it look like the tower was in the sky, the lighting was also well done. I think that the show was very well performed because it wasn't boring or seemed like it dragged on too long in any of the scenes.

I feel that there was carelessness with the script where mental health was mentioned. For example, I feel that the way panic attacks and bipolar were brought up in more jokey way could offend some people. Although I do feel that mental illnesses should be spoken about more openly, putting them in a play without speaking about how serious those things can be quite toxic. Furthermore, I feel that the fact that Lord Farquhar servants dressed the boys in blue and the girls in red skirts, this could have been seen as gender stereotyping as it shows what general society would "expect". With boys being seen as a "boys" colour. Furthermore, assigning colours to genders is not inclusive to other genders, it also makes it seem like men and women can't wear the same clothes.

Overall, I feel that it was a good show because it was just so engaging; it's good for watching with your family. I also think some of the parts of the play were quite inconsiderate so therefore I think people should watch it with that in mind or be ready to answer. I give it a 4-star rating.

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